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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEW CCMS PILOT STUDY ON ESTUARINE
MANAGEMENT

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1. THE US WAS ASKED BY JULY 3-4 CCMS AD HOC MEETING
PARTICIPANTS TO CONVENE A GROUP OF EXPERTS THIS FALL TO
DEVELOP A CONCRETE ESTUARINE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL FOR A
PILOT STUDY (SEE REFTEL).

2. DURING THE CALLS OF US CCMS COORDINATOR AND EMBOFF ON
GOG OFFICIALS IN JULY THE PROBLEM OF ESTUARINE POLLUTION
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WAS IDENTIFIED AS HIGH ON GREECE'S PRIORITY LIST OF
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. GREECE WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE
JULY 3-4 AD HOC MEETING, BUT IN VIEW OF ITS EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST IN CCMS WORK IN THE AREA THE US WONDERS IF GOG
WOULD HOST THE EXPERTS MEETING CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (1).

3. IF GOG WOULD SIMPLY AGREE TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE

MEETING, THE US WOULD ISSUE INVITATIONS IN THE NAME OF GREECE AND US TO ALL NATO MEMBERS AND WOULD CONDUCT THE SESSIONS. ALL TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID BY THE PARTICIPANTS' GOVERNMENTS AS IS NORMAL FOR CCMS MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD GIVE GOG OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SHAPING THE FINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, AND MEETING IN GREECE COULD BE SEEN AS RESPONSE TO EPA ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE (US CCMS REPRESENTATIVE) VISIT TO ATHENS IN OCTOBER.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORMALLY RAISE THE IDEA WITH APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT IF THERE IS INTEREST. A CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE MEETING, WHICH SHOULD LAST NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS, FOR THE US WOULD BE LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER.
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